

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

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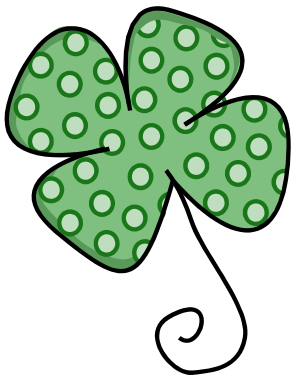


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FRIEND OF YOUTH

Week of March 2nd, 2011

Greetings Fellow Optimist!!



This Weeks Guest Speaker:

Steve Blake

Charter Member – Club History

Also; Fundraising Opportunities

Members input needed!

Greet er:

March 2nd
Marci Borchardt

March 9th
Doug Williams

Check out the new Newsletter layout



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Etiquette 101

Our guest speakers donate their time to present their topic to our club. Please be considerate and give them your full attention.

Last week's winners

Mystery Optimist – Meredith Prebeg

50/50 Cash – Nancy Stadler

Upcoming Events

Listed below are our upcoming events. If you or anyone you know could help out at any of these events please contact Meredith Prebeg (President) rtlelectric.meredith@frontier.com or names listed below event.

- Tri-Star Hockey** – March 12 10:00 @ the Smith Center
Board Meeting – March 15th Ballyhoos 5:15pm
WJMT radio plug – March 16th Listen at 8:40am WJMT 730AM
Tri-Star Basketball – March 19th 9:00am @ PRMS Field House
Children's Festival – April 9th @MARC 10 – 2:00pm
Protective Service Banquet – May 4th Eagles Club

Upcoming Speakers

- March 9th** John Henson – Antique Axe collector
March 16th Youth of the Month
March 23rd Lyn Pank – M&I security Officer – Fraud (Kiwanis will be joining us.)
March 30th Tana Frost & Youth – Peer Players
April 6th Karen M Redmond - Toast Masters
April 13th Rich Thwaites - Lincoln County Drug free coalition happenings
April 20th Youth of the Month

If you have a topic or a speaker in mind for our meetings please contact Meredith Prebeg at rtlelectric.meredith@frontier.com

Upcoming Birthdays

March

- 11 Greg Eichelkraut
 26 John Sample
 29 Douglas Williams



We would like to include your birthday to our newsletter. Please email me at ccordova@merrillfederal.com I know many of us do not “celebrate” our special day but in fact it is special and we would love to acknowledge it. No years please just Month and Day ☺

President's Page

Hello club members,

This week I will be presenting an opportunity to the club regarding a possible future fundraising event. At this time myself, and members Doug Williams and Chuck Sauer have had a brief conversation with the chamber regarding an opportunity to host a "Taste of Merrill" event. Through that conversation we believe this could be an outstanding opportunity for the club to organize a community event and an opportunity for the club to have a non weather dependent fundraising event. I will be calling for an informal straw poll on interest to move forward.

Looking forward to your input and future opportunities!

Meredith Prebeg
Merrill Noon Optimist
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The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself-

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on.
- To the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Tidbits

*Fairgrounds Event and Marketing meeting

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/02/23/fairgrounds-event-and-marketing-meeting/>

*Community Involvement in Teen Court

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/lincoln-county-teen-court/community-involvement/>

NEEDED NOW!!!! Teen Court Panel Member Trainer: If you are interested in leading a educational workshop (or know of someone we can contact for a workshop) during our annual training please submit a [Workshop ideas](#) sheet by March 7th.

NEEDED NOW!!! Teen Court Steering Committee: This group is comprised of Youth and Adults from both school districts, Law Enforcement, Justice System Personnel, Community Organizations, and Citizens. They provide oversight and decision making for the entire Teen Court Program. The next meeting will be March 8th from 1-2 pm to design the training that will take place in March and April for the Panel Members.

***Hayley Schoeppler:** has now begun her internship in Japan. Follow her experience thru her Blog.

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/02/23/anyone-can-speak-7-languages/>

* **Ladies Night** – March 24th @MARC 5:00pm Community Event (See insert)

**Merrill Optimist
chartered
Boy Scouts
Pack 502**



Optimist Club Liaison for Pack 502 – Nancy Stadler nancy.stadler@micorp.com

Pack 502 Leader – Derek Krzanowski derek@amplify.com

Pack meets:

New Members

Hometown:

I was born and raised Merrill.

DOB: July 18th

Mary Hofele

Family: Married to Brian Hofele, 2 daughters Amber(Ryan)Rice, Ashley Baumann and a grand-daughter, Reegan Nicole Rice

Occupation: Manager of SSG Holiday Westside and Clerk of the Town of Scott

Hobbies: Reading, gardening and spending time with the new love of my life, my grand-daughter☺

Sponsor: Meredith Prebeg

What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist: I've heard so many positive things about Optimist and wanted to be a part of this amazing group of people and volunteer my time for the youth of the community.



Nickname: Chuck

Charles Sauer

Hometown:

I was born Akron Ohio, Lived in Wisconsin for 21 years, 10 years in the Gleason area on our Prairie River Farm

DOB: November 26th

Family: Wife Marilyn, a financial advisor with Robert W Baird Co. in Wausau. Two adult children, Mark, who is an attorney and municipal judge in Wausau and Craig, who is an auto researcher in CA.

Occupation: Retired UWMC Fdn Director of Dev, and Ohio DNR Warden. Former Board member and President of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wausau. Had two matches with "Little Brothers".

Pets: Bird dogs, Abby and Gera

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, reading, cross country skiing and traveling

Sponsor: Tom Burg

What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist: Working with youth.

Youth of the Month

December



Miranda Brickner

The youth Optimist for the month of December is Miranda Brickner. Miranda was nominated by Katherine Schmidt. As a teacher and advisor for Miranda over the past three years, Mrs. Schmidt states that “Miranda is a bright young lady with dedication to her studies and her community”.

Currently, Miranda holds a 4.0 GPA. She has taken aggressive courses including four advanced placement courses in which she has earned an “A” in each. Mrs. Schmidt also comments that Miranda has “phenomenal time management skills”.

Miranda is the National Honor Society Vice President, student senate officer as well as a member of the Octagon Club. She also volunteers for Make A Difference day, Special Olympics and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

After graduation Miranda plans to attend UW Madison or Notre Dame as a Pre-Med Major.

Miranda is the daughter of James and Maria Brickner.

Donations



**\$500.00 to
the
After the Bell
Program**

www.merrilloptimist.org



Octagon Club



Valentines



Cookies



Delivered to
Pine Crest

Recently the Merrill Noon Optimist Club installed their **Club Officers and Board Members** for the 2010-2011 year. From left to right in the front row are 2nd Vice President Jay Stapleton, 1st Vice President Ken Neff, President Meredith Prebeg, Secretary Debbie Stadler, and Treasurer Marci Borchardt. In the Back row from left to right are Board Members Amanda Kostman, Carrie Cordova, Past President Shelly Storm, Board Members Nancy Stadler, Tom Burg, Tom Hayden, Octagon Representative Matt Hanson, and Board Member Doug Williams.



2010-2011

Officers

President: Meredith Prebeg rtelectric.meredith@frontier.com
Vice President: Ken Neff kenner59@charter.net
2nd VP: Jay Stapleton ljstapleton@gmail.com
Treasurer: Marci Borchardt marcib@parkcitycu.org
Secretary: Debbie Stadler DebbieS@parkcitycu.org
Past President: Shelly Storm stewartfan1970@yahoo.com

Board of Directors

Elected:

'09 Tom Burg - teb2771@earthlink.net
 '09 Nancy Stadler - nancy.stadler@micorp.com
 '09 Amanda Kostman - akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us
 '10 Carrie Cordova - ccordova@merrillfederal.com
 '10 Tom Hayden - tnhayden@aol.com
 '10 Doug Williams - mrlfd@frontier.com

Appointed:

'10 Octagon: Matt Hanson mhanson3679@gmail.com

Board meets every third Tuesday of the month at Ballyhoos @ 5:15pm.

If you have any information you would like the Board to discuss, please get it to one of our Board members prior to our meetings.

See contact information at left.